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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--December 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Jordanian-Syrian Relations continued their turn for the better as King Husayn paid his first visit to Damascus since 1979 on December 30-31. Although no joint communique was issued on Husayn's talks with Syrian President Al-Asad, Jordanian Foreign Minister Al-Masri was quoted afterward as saying the visit was "highly successful." A Jordanian "source" cited by Radio Monte Carlo said the two sides avoid a communique so that they would not have to mention contentious issues such as the Iraq-Iran war and relations with the PLO. PLO leader 'Arafat, meanwhile, spent much of the month "ill" in Tunis.

2. On the 29th the bureau processed the 51-minute text of the tripartite agreement on Lebanon signed in the Syrian capital the previous day. In the agreement, broadcast by Damascus radio, the Lebanese Forces, the Amal movement and the Progressive Socialist Party supported an end to sectarianism, a new constitution and government and a final conclusion to the Lebanese civil war. The document also allows the stationing of Syrian military units at agreed positions in Lebanon and stresses the need for Lebanese-Syrian "security integration."

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. In an omission from the November monthly report, Monitors [redacted] received PSI's to FBN-9/2 effective 24 November.

2. Monitor [redacted] became the proud father of a baby boy, [redacted].

3. Recruiting efforts to replace monitor [redacted] who resigned on 30 November are proceeding slowly. Internal vacancy notices issued through the embassy turned up only one applicant, a repeater who had failed the test before. Ads will now be placed in the local papers.

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B. Visits

To the bureau:

STAT 1. Acting Chief/Operations Group on 15-17
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